IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ratan K. Chaudhuri Examiner: Michele C. Flood

Serial No.: Unassigned Group Art Unit: 1654

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Title: SKIN-LIGHTENING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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